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1. AGREE WITH AMEMBASSY COLOMBO (PARA 2 REF A) THAT YUGOSLAVS AND OTHERS "MODERATE" ONLY IN A VERY RELATIVE WAY. TERM IS DANGEROUSLY MISLEADING AS IS YUGOSLAVS' OWN RECOUNTING OF THEIR "MODERATING" ACTIONS.

2. LOOKED AT IN THE COLD LIGHT OF THE MORNING AFTER, THE NAC AND ITS POLITICAL DECLARATION, WHICH YUGOSLAV'S JOB CALLS A "GREAT SUCCESS", WAS CONSISTENTLY AND EXPLICITLY ANTI-AMERICAN, WHILE SOVIETS AS USUAL RECEIVED KID GLOVE TREATMENT. CLEARLY WE NEED A NEW TERMINOLOGY. PERHAPS "EXTREMISTS" TO DESCRIBE CUBANS, NORTH KOREANS ET AL AND "LEFTIST ACTIVISTS" TO DESCRIBE YUGOSLAVS WHO ARE CLEARLY NOT IN MIDDLE EVEN OF NONALIGNED SPECTRUM (WITNESS THEIR BEING WAY OUT AHEAD OF OTHER NONALIGNED COUNTRIES IN RECOGNIZING MPLA, THEIR CONSISTENT SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREANS VS. SOUTH KOREANS, WHEN SOME 93 COUNTRIES INCLUDING MANY NONALIGNED RECOGNIZE LATTER). THE YUGOSLAV "STYLE" THE EXTREMISTS POSITIONS SOMEWHAT, NOT
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BECAUSE THEY DISAGREE ON THE MERITS BUT BECAUSE THEY

HAVE MORE TACTICAL SAVVY AND KNOW ONLY THAT WAY CAN THEY
BRING THE MORE MODERATE MAJORITY OF THE NON-
ALIGNED ALONG. FOR THEM THE NONALIGNED'S
"UNITY" AND ITS SUPPORT FOR "PROGRESSIVE CAUSES" ARE
BOTH ESSENTIAL.

3. WE SHOULD RESERVE TERM "MODERATES" FOR GROWING
GROUP EVIDENT IN COLOMBO WITH COURAGE TO EXPRESS
RESERVATIONS ON YUGOSLAV "COMPROMISE" FORMULATIONS ON
ISSUES LIKE PUERTO RICO, KOREA; AND FOR EVEN LARGER SILENT GROUP
WHOSE REAL VIEWS THIS GROUP REPRESENTS.
CAB SILBERMAN

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